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TWO CENTS.

## TRY TO INDUCE BROTHERHOODS TO RECALL THE STRIKE ORDER

Commissioner Chalmers of  
Federal Board Confident  
of Settlement

MANY CONFERENCES  
BEING HELD TODAY

Senate Commerce Commit-  
tee Plans Measures to  
Straighten Tangle

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30. — President Wilson was making efforts today to have the railroad brotherhoods call off or postpone the strike order effective Sept. 4. There were indications that unless action be taken by the brotherhood leaders in the near future the President may publicly ask the railway workers that the strike order be rescinded.

Continued efforts by all agencies of the administration to induce the brotherhoods to recall their strike order were the outstanding features of the situation.

All the influences that could be brought to bear were being utilized in an effort to convince the leaders that their action in calling a strike while the negotiations were still proceeding should be rescinded.

Commissioner Chalmers of the federal mediation board seemed confident that efforts along this line would be successful. Many of those close in touch with the situation thought it could be accomplished if congress promptly enacted the eight-hour day feature of President Wilson's legislative program.

Brotherhood officials, after securing copies of the proposed bills, went into conference at the department of labor with Secretary Wilson. It was supposed they intended to consider the proposed legislation as it affected them and discuss it with the secretary of labor.

The senate interstate commerce committee adopted a resolution today providing for hearings on the proposed railroad legislation in the impending crisis beginning Thursday at 9 a. m. Railroad officials, brotherhood officers and representatives of shippers were invited to appear. Each side will be given three hours in which to discuss their views of legislation proposed by President Wilson to prevent the threatened strike and to provide for the operation of trains in the event of a strike.

The committee has under consideration tentative plans of three bills. One covers the proposed eight-hour day and creates a wage commission of three members, two to be recommended by the railroad and the brotherhood, which shall observe the administrative and financial effects of the institution of the eight-hour day; another amends the Newlands act to make arbitration more effective along the line of Canadian principles; the third provides for government operation of railroads for military necessities.

Brotherhood heads insisted after a conference with Secretary Wilson today that they had not been requested by President Wilson or any other administration officials to postpone the strike and that nothing except a satisfactory settlement of their demands could prevent a walk-out.

"No power on earth except a satisfactory settlement now can prevent a strike," said W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen. A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors' and spokesman for the employees, made a similar statement. Nevertheless efforts were continued to bring about a postponement. Chairman Howard Elliott of the New Haven issued a statement on behalf of the railway executives, pointing out that passenger train service as well as freight would be tied up.

Princeton football players have been called. This is a Yale victory. Blue athletes were called several times last fall, thereby having nearly a year's advantage over the Tigers.

## WARNINGS SENT OUT BY RAILROADS

New Haven System Will Refuse All  
Freights for Delivery After  
September 4.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. — With the announcement here last night by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad company that because of the impending railroad strike it would hereafter refuse all shipments of freight which cannot be delivered before 7 a. m. on September 4, it was learned that similar action is being considered by other roads entering this city.

A. T. Hardin, vice president of the New York Central, said that A. H. Smith, the president, was expected here from Washington today when the question of establishing an embargo probably would be considered.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western officials discussed the subject, but, according to P. J. Flynn, one of the vice presidents, reached no definite decision. Mr. Flynn asserted, however, that the road's position probably would be announced by Thursday morning.

The Pennsylvania and other railroads here, it was said, are also undecided as yet, but probably will announce their positions with respect to embargoes in a day or two.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30. — The following instructions were telegraphed by the headquarters of the Southern Pacific company last night to all division superintendents: "Please instruct all passenger and ticket agents by wire at once to notify passengers unless they can reach their destinations by Sunday night, Sept. 3, they may be subject to perplexing delays."

## RAILROADS PREPARE AGAINST A STRIKE

New Haven System Endeavoring to  
Clear Tracks of Freight — E. &  
M. Officials Confer.

BOSTON, August 30. — New England railroads today prepared against the prospective strike. The New York, New Haven & Hartford road, under an embargo order issued last night, endeavored to clear its tracks of freight, at the same time holding its forces to determine how far it could hope to continue its passenger service in the event a strike is ordered. Assurances of some support have been received from employees, it was said. The Boston & Albany railroad did not order an embargo, but gave notice that shipments were subject to delay. This failure to announce that certain shipments would not be accepted should not be regarded as an indication that the road expected to keep more than a few employees after a walk-out, according to an explanatory statement by a road official. What plans the Boston & Maine railroad expected to take in dealing with the strike conditions were considered today at a special meeting of the division superintendents and other officials of the road.

## BOSTON IS THINKING ABOUT FOOD SUPPLY

Mayor Curley Holds Conference with  
Various Officials — Trolleys  
Might Be Used.

BOSTON, August 30. — Plans to insure an adequate food supply for this city in case a general railroad strike goes into effect on Labor day were discussed by many interests today. Mayor Curley arranged for a conference this afternoon with officers of the trolley companies entering the city, the health commissioner, the street commissioner, and the superintendent of markets.

The mayor said the question of bringing food into Boston by trolley cars and of utilizing certain streets for the sale of farm products would be considered.

A committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to study the situation and to recommend steps to be taken to protect the public interests was ready to make its report today. Vacationists are returning in large numbers from New England resorts. Many of them are cutting short their visit to the seashore and the mountains in the fear of railroad delays next week.

## MINNEAPOLIS MILLS PREPARED TO CLOSE

Big Flour Plants Ready to Act in 30  
Minutes If Railroad Strike Is Put  
into Effect.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 30. — Every flour mill in Minneapolis will be closed 30 minutes after the order for a nation wide railroad strike becomes effective, according to an announcement made today by the Washington-Crosby Co. All the mills in the city are filled to capacity, with no available storage base, and no way in which to move the output, says the statement.

## TROOPS WILL GO THROUGH TONIGHT

Vermont Recruits Started  
from Camp Gov. Gates  
Early This Afternoon

SHOULD REACH HERE  
EARLY THIS EVENING

Company I Boys Will Be Found Near  
Rear of the Train — Would Appreciate Gifts of Tobacco — Have No Pocket Money.

(Special to The Reformer.)

CAMP GOVERNOR GATES, Aug. 30. The Vermont troops that have been stationed here for the past summer left by special train this afternoon at 2 o'clock to join the First regiment at Eagle Pass, Texas. There are 300 recruits in the detachment, including 26 for Company I, under command of Capt. Ernest W. Gibson.

The train is made up of 11 cars and if nothing happens should pass through Brattleboro between 7 and 8 o'clock this evening. The Brattleboro boys will be found toward the rear of the train. They are not in need of food, having rations for 10 days in their equipment, but they have not had their pay for August and consequently are short of money. Gifts of tobacco will be especially appreciated by them.

The boys are greatly pleased to think that they are at last on their way to the border, and the Brattleboro recruits are glad also that their route will take them through their home town. Naturally they expect that a considerable crowd of townspeople will be on hand to say good-bye.

## RAILROADS ARE PLANNING EMBARGOES

Orders Regarding Freight and Passen-  
ger Likely to Be Effective in  
48 Hours.

CHICAGO, August 30. — Railroads of the nation rushed preparations today to enforce the embargo on perishable freight. Shipments of live stock and perishables were refused by some roads. Others issued warnings that perishable freight which cannot reach its destination by Saturday, Sept. 2, will not be accepted. From Chicago, the railroad center of the country, orders were flashed to ticket agents to inform passengers that unless they reach their destination by Sunday night they might be subjected to "perplexing delays." Associated Press despatches from all parts of the country indicated that within 48 hours, unless a delay in the strike is ordered, embargo orders will be effective on virtually every railroad.

## INCREASED FREIGHT RATES ARE HELD UP

Commission to Investigate Plan Which  
Would Bring Railroads \$20,000,000  
More Revenue.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30. — Proposed increases in transcontinental freight rates from the east to inter-mountain territory and from the Pacific coast to the east, which was estimated, would bring the railroads about \$20,000,000 a year additional revenue, were suspended until Dec. 30 today by the interstate commission for further investigation. They were to have become effective at midnight Aug. 31.

## EMPLOYES DESIRE TO CONTINUE WORK

Restraining Order to Stop Strike Is-  
sued in Nebraska on Conductors' Petition.

OMAHA, Neb., August 30. — Judge Willis E. Sears of the district court of Douglas county today issued an order restraining the general and local officials of the order of railroad conductors calling for enforcing a strike on the lines of the Union Pacific. The order was issued on petition of a conductor on the Union Pacific and a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, who declares that he and many other employees of the road desire to continue at work.

## GRAND TRUNK NOT AFFECTED.

Is Not Included in the General Strike,  
President Says.

MONTREAL, Aug. 30. — The Grand Trunk railway system, with lines extending into New England will not be affected by a general railroad strike is called, according to a statement given out today by the president of the system.

## SERIOUS DISASTER TO CRUISER MEMPHIS

Ran Ashore in Storm at Santo Domingo—Twenty Drowned—Many Injured.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30. — One enlisted man was killed, two officers and five men seriously injured and 67 other men slightly hurt aboard the armored cruiser Memphis in addition to the 20 lost by drowning when the ship was wrecked in a storm yesterday at Santo Domingo City. Rear Admiral Pond's despatch today said a steam main burst, causing the additional casualties.

A sudden great ground swell drove the vessel upon the rocks. A despatch last night indicated that the ship would be a total loss. The crew disembarked. The 20 men drowned were in a motor boat which tipped over in the harbor. The gunboat Castine escaped by putting out to sea.

The Memphis, formerly the Tennessee, was launched at Philadelphia in 1904. At the outbreak of the present European war the Memphis acted as relief ship for Americans stranded abroad.

## R. C. BACON'S BUICK RUNABOUT DAMAGED

Mrs. Bacon and Sister, Mrs. Phillips,  
Shaken Up, but Not Badly Hurt  
—Accident in Dummerston.

Unfinished repairs on a road in Dummerston resulted in an accident to Robert C. Bacon's new Buick Six runabout yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The car was driven by Mrs. Bacon, who was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Lillie L. Phillips, and it was considerably damaged about the running gear. Mrs. Bacon sustained a strain in one wrist and one eye was blackened, and her sister sprained one ankle.

They had been north of Putney and were on their way home and had reached the flat above the cement bridge near where a road goes over the hill to West Dummerston. Repairs were being made and a quantity of grassy turf had been scraped into the middle of the road. A pair of horses at work there were uneasy so Mrs. Bacon stopped the car. The driver of the team called to her to come ahead, and she started the car. The horses began to dance and as Mrs. Bacon attempted to pass them the pile of sods in the road deflected the car and it went off the edge of the road, there being no railing, and would have gone down an embankment had it not caught against a tree.

The occupants were severely shaken up, but were not seriously hurt. The car was brought in last night by men from the Manley Brothers garage.

## THE CITY OF DRAMA SEIZED BY BULGARS

A Number of Greek Soldiers Killed and  
120 Were Taken Prisoners,  
Athens Reports.

PARIS, Aug. 30. — The city of Drama in northeastern Greece has been seized by Bulgarians after a battle with the Greek garrison, telegraphs the Athens correspondent of the Matin.

The despatch says the Bulgarians captured three forts and took prisoners the Greek garrison of 120 men and that a number of soldiers were killed in the fighting. This news is confirmed by refugees who have reached Athens, the correspondent adds.

Drama is one of the principal towns in Greece. 75 miles northwest of Saloniki in the district east of the Struma river, which the Bulgarians have been occupying the last fortnight.

## HUNGARIANS ARE ANGRY.

Accuse Austria of Acting Against Interests of Her Partner.

BERN, Switzerland, Aug. 30. — Count Albert Apponyi, leader of the opposition in the Hungarian parliament, made eight speeches, all strongly hostile to the government, in the course of an all-night sitting of the Hungarian chamber of deputies.

Count Apponyi is quoted as accusing Premier Tisza of intending to conclude a new commercial treaty with Germany whereby the interests of Hungary would be damaged.

Count Michael Karolyi, president of the independence party, is said to have accused the Austrian general staff of "betraying Hungary by undertaking an insane offensive against Italy instead of foreseeing that troops were needed to defend Hungary against a Russian invasion."

Deputy Rakoczy declared that Austrian strategy and diplomacy had both "proved disastrous failures."

## FRENCH ON OFFENSIVE.

Made Gains in Attack on the Verdun Front Near Fleury.

PARIS, August 30. — The French launched another attack on the Verdun front east of Fleury last night and made further progress. Severe fighting is in progress on the Macedonian front. The French gained ground west of the Vardar river. Bulgarian attacks west of Ostrovo lake were repulsed by the Serbians.

Old rags are used in making imitation leather.

## VISITORS ENJOY TOWN'S GOODWILL

Brattleboro's Second Annual  
Guest Day Marked  
Success

GOVERNOR GATES  
GIVES ADDRESSES

Hospitality Shown in Many Ways, Every Possible Form of Entertainment Being Provided Without Charge to Visitors.

Fortune smiled on Brattleboro today, on the occasion of the town's second annual guest day, and furnished weather conditions of an ideal kind. From early morning until the arrival of the afternoon trains the visitors came, to enjoy the hospitality of the town, when everything it could offer in the way of entertainment was freely given, through an arrangement by the board of trade.

The mark reached last year probably was not duplicated today, but the number of guests will not be known before night. The occasion has been a great success, however, and the people have been honored by the presence of Gov. Charles W. Gates.

## Governor Gates Speaks.

Governor Gates gave a brief address this forenoon at the livestock sales pavilion on Vernon street, where a large crowd gathered, and this afternoon he spoke on the common, being introduced by President Horton D. Walker of the board of trade.

The theme of the Governor's afternoon address was Our State, its Ideals and Its Development, which he said was the subject nearest his heart. He spoke of the things which Vermont stands for and the possibilities of the future. If there is any element we need more than any other, he said, it is a larger spirit of neighborliness and friendliness. He spoke of the ideals of our citizenship which were formed by the church, school and town meeting and called attention to the responsibility which is upon the citizens of today in developing the heritage left us by our early settlers.

The visitors came by train, team and automobile, largely by the last named method, and by noon hundreds of cars were parked in various parts of the village. Wherever their choice of amusement took them, they found that their wants had been anticipated, and courtesy and hospitality were on every hand.

While many guests did not take advantage of the privilege of securing checks for free admission to the various attractions, the large majority did, and the young women in charge of the distributing stations at the town hall building and on the plaza were busy from 9 o'clock giving out the blue checks which distinguished visitors from residents and in taking the names of applicants for checks and the number of persons in each party. They also gave out tickets entitling those who came by team to secure free feed for their horses at the stables, because on this day of days Brattleboro overlooked no detail in the way of making its visitors feel that they were really welcomed.

Flags floated from the various buildings on the principal streets and large welcome signs were displayed conspicuously. Boy scouts were on duty handing out printed programs for the day and giving information wherever possible, and the vacant store in the Waite building was converted into a free checking room for parcels.

## Where the People Went.

After securing their checks the guests scattered to various sections of the village. Many boarded the street cars and were given free rides as long as they chose to ride. The Princess theatre was crowded in which an excellent program of moving pictures were given free. Some visited the various industrial plants, where persons were on duty to show them about the works. Crowds gathered where the band was playing, and a big crowd went to Island park to see the morning baseball game between Williamsville and Townshend and to enjoy free boat rides on the Connecticut river and free dancing in the pavilion. Another large crowd is at the park this afternoon to see the baseball game between the two leaders in the Hinsdale league, the Foresters, jr. and the Braves.

The merchants made no special effort to get business, as this is not planned for a business day, but in spite of that there was good trading in the stores. The restaurants also were busy places at noon.

## Williamsville Wins.

There was much enthusiastic rooting at the baseball game at Island park between Williamsville and Townshend teams, who hold second and third places in the West River league, and while Williamsville won by a good margin, 11 to 3, it was a well-played and interesting contest. Barry of Townshend got three hits in four times up and there was some good hitting by Howe and Timson of Williamsville. A difficult catch by Howe off W. Sparks' bat in the fifth brought him a good

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## LIEUT. SPAULDING ON HIS WAY HOME

Has Resigned His Commission and  
Will Leave Eagle Pass, Texas,  
Tonight.

First Lieut. Walter R. Spaulding, who went south in command of Company I of Brattleboro, and who was transferred later to one of the other Vermont companies, will leave Eagle Pass, Texas, tonight. He has resigned his commission. The news came in a short telegram today.

## PERFECTS SPRINKLER DEVICE FOR LAWNS

George A. Childs Applies for Patent—Simple, Practical and Can Be Made at Small Cost.

George A. Childs has recently filed at Washington application for a patent on a new device in the form of a lawn sprinkler. Local mechanical critics who have seen private demonstrations of the appliance have been much impressed with its practicality as well as its simplicity of construction. Mr. Childs has been working on the device for nearly two years and now feels that he has solved the problem of a sprinkler which is at once simple, practical and possible of manufacture at small cost.

Adjustments on the device are so arranged as to give it unlimited changes in the throw of water while at the same time working under an exceptionally low pressure. This fact alone, Mr. Childs claims, not only meets the demands of districts where water meters are installed but also of those who have to depend on a gravity water supply.

## BOMAN SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Birge Street Couple Surprised by Friends  
Last Evening—Numerous Presents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Boman, 60 Birge street, celebrated their 25th marriage anniversary at their home last evening. The celebration was in the nature of a surprise to both groom and bride as the arrangements had all been made by relatives and friends who took possession of the house and conducted things in their own way during the evening.

The presents consisted of 18 silver dollars, half a dozen dessert spoons, one tomato server and some wearing apparel for the bride personally. Refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed. About 20 were present.

## FLEEING OF MORRISON. Paid \$94,000 to Search for \$25,000 Worth of Stolen Bonds.

CHICAGO, August 30. — One instance of the alleged fleeing of Edward W. Morrison, reclusive millionaire, out of hundreds of thousands of dollars was revealed by Morrison himself on the witness stand before Federal Judge Landis yesterday. Morrison admitted he had paid nearly \$94,000 to a man named Douglas, whose first name he did not know, to go to Europe and search for \$25,000 worth of bonds supposedly from Morrison.

Morrison said John Sommers, a jeweler, who is supposed to have been the aged millionaire's companion on entertainment trips, introduced him to Douglas. Judge Landis summoned Sommers into court to explain.

Sommers said he hadn't introduced Douglas to Morrison, but learned later that Douglas was a confidence man. Morrison interrupted Sommers to tell that Sommers and Douglas "always seemed to know each other."

## SEEK TOWN TO TEST CURE.

Tuberculosis Prevention Society Has  
\$150,000 to Spend.

BOSTON, August 30. — Dr. D. S. Armstrong of New York, representing the National Association for the Study of the Cause of Tuberculosis, came to Massachusetts yesterday to search for a town of about 100,000 population to which to expend \$150,000 for a scientific test in stamping out tuberculosis. Various communities in Massachusetts and New York state will be visited before the place is selected.

Discussing his quest Dr. Armstrong said: "We want a town that has some industries, because tuberculosis is a poor man's disease. We don't want a town of commuters, as we could not keep track of them, and yet the town must not be too far removed from the large industrial centers."

## THE WEATHER.

Generally Fair Tonight and Thursday—  
Temperature Unchanged.

WASHINGTON, August 30. — The weather forecast: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature. Light southwest to west winds.

## BREAK THROUGH PASSES.

Rumanian Cavalry Is Pushing Rapidly  
Toward Hungarian City.

LONDON, Aug. 30. — "It is persistently rumored here," telegraphs the Central News correspondent at Zurich, Switzerland, "that Rumanian cavalry has crossed the Rothenthurm pass and is approaching Hermannstadt, Hungary."

## HOLSTEIN COWS AT GOOD PRICES

Second Day of Sale in New  
Pavilion in Vernon  
Street

RECORD PRICE THUS  
FAR \$425 FOR COW

Another Sold for \$420 — Several Will  
Be Shipped to Arizona and Others to  
Chicago — Brattleboro Men Among  
Purchasers.

Nineteen purebred Holstein cattle were sold this forenoon at the auction sale by the Purchased Live Stock Sales Co. in its new pavilion on Vernon street. Forty-five animals remain to be sold this afternoon, which will bring the two-days' sale to a close.

The record sale up to noon today was made this forenoon when M. T. Carrigan of Concord, Mass., paid \$425 for Virginia Glimmer of the Hill 2d 174513, consigned to the sale by S. F. Campbell of Windham, N. H. Virginia lacks but a few days of being six years old. She is a daughter of Crown Prince Mechtild DeKol, son of Earl Anggie DeKol 2d. Her mother was Virginia Glimmer of the Hill, daughter of King Henry of the Hill.

In the sale yesterday, 60 head, or not quite half the total consignment, were sold, bringing a total of about \$9,000, or an average of \$150. The day's sale was adjourned at 3:30.

The animal bringing the highest price the first day was a heifer two years and eight months old, Lockspur Mooie Payne Homestead 3d 232975, for which F. H. Metcalf of Holyoke, Mass., paid \$420. She was consigned to the sale by J. W. Prentiss & Son of Alstead, N. H., and while the auctioneer was running up the bids Mr. Prentiss announced that if her calf, due Sept. 15, was a heifer he would pay \$200 for the calf. Mr. Metcalf bought four other head during the day, paying for the five \$1,160.

The heaviest purchaser for the day was F. R. Sanders of Mesa, Arizona. He bought eight head for himself for \$1,455, seven head for J. C. Vaughn of Chicago and one head for Morris B. Carpenter of Phoenix, Arizona.

Frank D. E. Stove of Brattleboro bought yesterday a 13-year-old cow for \$125. A. J. Hildreth, also of this town, bought a three-year-old cow for \$185. R. C. Spaulding of Chesterfield, N. H., paid \$130 for a seven-months-old calf. M. H. Chickering of Chesterfield bought a two-year-old heifer for \$165 and a three-year-old cow for \$145. Albert S. Chickering of Westmoreland Depot, N. H., bought a five-months-old calf for \$90, an eight-months-old calf for \$110, a two-year-old heifer for \$155 and a two-year-old heifer for \$165. For a calf three weeks old H. H. Howe of Newfane paid \$25.

B. C. Baxton of Middletown Springs (Vt.) was the largest consignor, putting in 22 head, and Laurence Pilgner of Simonsville (Vt.) consigned 39 head. Auctioneer Forbush caused, a laugh by remarking, when a particularly handsome animal was led into the ring, that there was a picture for the camera, "if you leave the man out."

## CASES FOR COUNTY COURT ASSIGNED

Docket Contains 46 Jury Cases, 53  
Court Cases and 48 Divorce Cases,  
Including One Entered Today.

The assignment of cases for trial at the September term of the Windham county court was made yesterday afternoon. On the trial docket there are 46 jury cases and 53 court cases, and up to the present time 48 divorce cases have been entered.

One divorce case was docketed today. It is that of Raymond Powers of Marlboro against Muriel R. Powers and is based on statutory grounds. They were married Jan. 4, 1914, and lived together until Aug. 12, 1916.

Eighteen thousand bricks can be manufactured by the steam process in 10 hours.

## GENUINE GOLDEN R TOBACCO

FOUR POINTS IN UPPER  
PART OF THE GREAT R

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